

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

SELENA HOWARD, DARIOUS LEGGETT; AND  
ANTRINET LEGGETT PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS NO. 2:19-CV-84-KS-MTP

FORREST COUNTY; CHEY SUMRALL  
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY; BLAKE BASS,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY DEFENDANTS

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DEPOSITION OF BLAKE SMITH  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

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APPEARANCES NOTED HEREIN

DATE: APRIL 27, 2020  
PLACE: ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE  
TIME: 2:48 p.m.

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1     been tied to the tree, right?

2           A     I do not.

3           Q     And you don't know whether or not the dog  
4     had been fed that morning, correct?

5           A     Correct. I don't.

6           Q     And you don't know whether or not the dog  
7     had had any water that morning?

8           A     I do not.

9           Q     Okay. And you were told, weren't you, that  
10    the dogs had been fed, just not a lot of food. Is  
11    that fair to say?

12          A     I don't remember me being told anything. I  
13    do remember Darious saying he had food in the house.  
14    That's all I recall.

15          Q     Okay. Now, before y'all got to the --  
16    before Chey and Darious were on the porch, had anybody  
17    claimed ownership of the dogs?

18          A     I don't recall. No, I don't.

19          Q     All right. Did you know who owned the dogs  
20    when Chey and Darious were on the porch?

21          A     I assume they did.

22          Q     I know you assume that, but did you know at  
23    that time who owned the dogs?

24          A     I did not know. I figured he was going in  
25    the house to get dog food for his dogs.